

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AKEELA TAYLOR-PARKER,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MAKELA STARR TAYLOR,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JEREMY PARKER,

Respondent.

Before: Kelly, P.J., and Neff and Smolenski, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i) and (ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i) and (ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination under §§ 19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j) were established by clear and convincing evidence.¹ MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Moreover, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564

NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-

appellant's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski

¹ Arguably, § 19b(3)(b)(ii) does not apply to the facts in the present case. However, we conclude that the trial court's reliance on § 19b(3)(b)(ii) constituted harmless error because the court's order was supported by clear and convincing evidence on the four other statutory grounds as set forth in this opinion.